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## Italy

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### **FAS Rome Negotiates APHIS Live Blood Worms Health Certificate**

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**Report Highlights:**

Post, on behalf of U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), negotiated with the Italian Ministry of Health a bilateral health certificate for the export to Italy of live annelids (blood worms.) Estimated yearly export value to Italy is \$300,000.

**General Information:**

Post on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) negotiated with the Italian Ministry of Health a bilateral health certificate for the export to Italy of live annelids (bloodworms.)

APHIS recently reviewed the conditions for export of live blood worms to Italy and decided that these animals should be exported with a live animal health certificate rather than an animal product certificate. APHIS reached out to Post asking that they mediate the negotiation with the Italian Ministry of Health for a new Health Certificate for the export from the U.S. to Italy of live annelids.

A copy of the new bilingual (English/Italian) certificate can be downloaded from the APHIS website at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/it\\_anlid\\_fb\\_hc\\_ab.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/it_anlid_fb_hc_ab.pdf)

Thanks to the new agreement, Post estimates an annual export value of approximately \$300,000 of US annelids (bloodworms) to Italy.